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H. R. 4084

To require the establishment of a Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers to compute cost-of-living increases for Social Security and Medicare benefits under titles II and XVIII of the Social Security Act provided after 1999.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JUNE 18, 1998

Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. FILNER, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, and Ms. FURSE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Commerce, and Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To require the establishment of a Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers to compute cost-of-living increases for Social Security and Medicare benefits under titles II and XVIII of the Social Security Act provided after 1999.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*



1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Consumer Price Index
3 for Elderly Consumers Act of 1998”.

4 **SEC. 2. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ELDERLY CONSUM-**
5 **ERS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Bureau of Labor Statistics
7 of the Department of Labor shall, for each month after
8 June 1998, prepare and publish an index to be known as
9 the “Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers” that
10 indicates changes over time in expenditures for consump-
11 tion which are typical for individuals in the United States
12 who are 62 years of age or older.

13 (b) INITIAL PUBLICATION OF INDEX.—The Bureau
14 of Labor Statistics shall prepare and publish the index re-
15 ferred to in subsection (a), for each month described in
16 such subsection that occurs before October 1999, not later
17 than 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter ending
18 on September 30, 1999.

19 **SEC. 3. COMPUTATION OF COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES.**

20 (a) AMENDMENTS TO TITLE II.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 215(i)(1) of the
22 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(1)) is
23 amended—

24 (A) in subparagraph (D), by striking
25 “Consumer Price Index” and inserting “Con-
26 sumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers”; and

1 (B) in subparagraph (H), by striking
2 “Consumer Price Index” and inserting “Con-
3 sumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers”.

4 (2) APPLICABILITY OF TITLE II AMEND-
5 MENTS.—The amendments made by paragraph (1)
6 shall apply to determinations made by the Commis-
7 sioner of Social Security under section 215(i)(2) of
8 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(2)) with
9 respect to base quarters and cost-of-living computa-
10 tion quarters ending on or after September 30,
11 1999.

12 (b) AMENDMENTS TO TITLE XVIII.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Title XVIII of such Act (42
14 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.) is amended—

15 (A) in section 1814(i)(2)(B), by striking
16 “Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consum-
17 ers (United States city average)” and insert
18 “Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consum-
19 ers”;

20 (B) in section 1821(c)(2)(C)(ii)(II), by
21 striking “consumer price index for all urban
22 consumers (all items; United States city aver-
23 age)” and insert “Consumer Price Index for El-
24 derly Consumers”;

1 (C) in section 1833(h)(2)(A)(i), by striking
2 “Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consum-
3 ers (United States city average)” and insert
4 “Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consum-
5 ers”;

6 (D) in section 1833(i)(2)(C), by striking
7 “consumer price index for all urban consumers
8 (U.S. city average)” and insert “Consumer
9 Price Index for Elderly Consumers”;

10 (E) in section 1834(a)(14)(D), by striking
11 “consumer price index for all urban consumers
12 (United States city average)” and insert “Con-
13 sumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers”;

14 (F) in section 1834(h)(4)(A)(vi), by strik-
15 ing “consumer price index for all urban con-
16 sumers (United States city average)” and insert
17 “Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consum-
18 ers”;

19 (G) in section 1834(l)(3)(A), by striking
20 “consumer price index for all urban consumers
21 (U.S. city average)” and insert “Consumer
22 Price Index for Elderly Consumers”;

23 (H) in section 1834(l)(3)(B), by striking
24 “consumer price index for all urban consumers

1 (U.S. city average)” and insert “Consumer
2 Price Index for Elderly Consumers”;

3 (I) in section 1842(s)(1), by striking “con-
4 sumer price index for all urban consumers
5 (United States city average)” and insert “Con-
6 sumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers”;

7 (J) in section 1882(p)(11)(C)(ii), by strik-
8 ing “Consumer Price Index for all urban con-
9 sumers (all items; U.S. city average)” and in-
10 sert “Consumer Price Index for Elderly Con-
11 sumers”; and

12 (K) in section 1886(h)(5)(B), by striking
13 “Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consum-
14 ers (United States city average)” and insert
15 “Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consum-
16 ers”.

17 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
18 by paragraph (1) shall apply with respect to deter-
19 minations made for periods ending after December
20 31, 1999.

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